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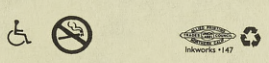

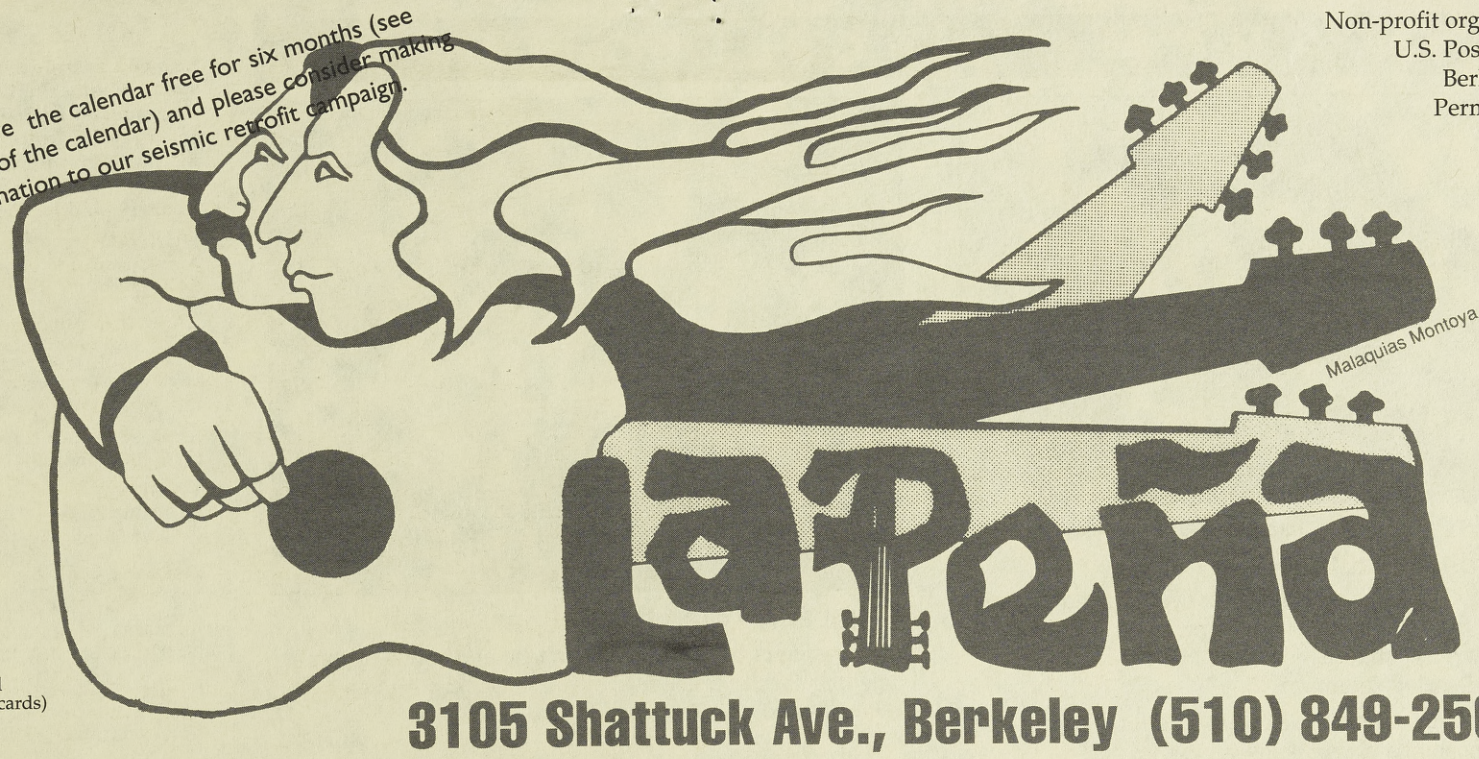

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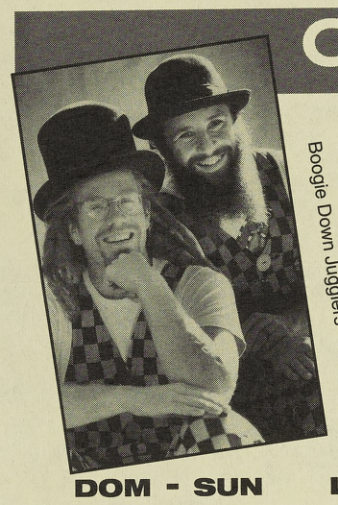

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			1 **FILM** **Bay Area Film Premiere of Mayan Voices : American Lives** (English, 58 min.) with panel: Mayan Refugees in the Era of Prop. 187. A documentary on the several thousand Mayans living in Indiantown, Florida, where they have settled after fleeing repression in Guatemala. Presentations by Adrian Cuyuch, Amy Mayeno, and the filmmaker Olivia Carrescia. Spon. by G.N.I.B. **7:30 pm $5-8 ***	**2** **VIDEO & UPDATE** **The Mothers of Plaza de Mayo.** Hebe Pastor de Bonafini, the president of the organization and Mercedes Meroño, a member are on a speaking tour of the U.S. Besides speaking about human rights violations in Argentina, they will show the video *Los Desaparecidos* (Span. w/ Eng. subs) **7:30 pm $5-10 sliding scale ***	**3** **CONCERT** **Keith Terry and Crosspulse.** A quintet of drummers who move & vocalize; **Edgardo Cambon**, **Raymond Graham**, **Susu Pampanin, Jackeline Rago**, & **Keith Terry** & guest performer **Claudia Gomez** weave the rhythms and moves of body music, jazz, Afro-Cuban, Middle Eastern & Senegalese drumming. Adv. tix available at La Tienda. **8:30 pm $10/$8 students & seniors**	**4** **SATURDAY MORNING KID'S PROGRAM SEE LOWER LEFT** **YASHA** Turkish music ensemble specializes in the vocal and instrumental music of Turkey, from folk songs of Anatolia and Azerbaijan to the court music of the Ottoman Empire. **8:00 pm $10 /$8 students & seniors**
5 **CONCERT & POETRY** **The Upper Room at La Peña** Featuring members of Midnight Voices: Mohammed Mystic Bilal & William Willpower Wylie, Imani, Isha B., Laila, poetry and music **7:30 pm $5***	**6** **7** La Peña gratefully acknowledges funding support for our programs from the following: Alameda County Arts Commission; Berkeley Civic Arts Commission; California Arts Council, a state agency; National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal agency that supports the visual, literary and performing arts to benefit all Americans; San Francisco Foundation, Vanguard Public Foundation, Zellerbach Family Fund, and our hundreds of generous donors and dozens of volunteers.		**8** **BENEFIT** **A.I.D.S. and Afro-Brazilian Culture.** Marmol da Silva, director of Project Odo-Ya (A.I.D.S. & Afro-Brazilian Cultures) of Rio de Janiero, speaks about the A.I.D.S. epidemic in Brazil. Odo-Ya is an A.I.D.S. prevention initiative started by people of Afro Brazilian religions to halt the spread of H.I.V among their followers of Afro-Brazil religions.Spon. by B.A.S.E. **7:30 pm $5***	**9** **READING** **Skin Deep: Women Writing on Color, Culture & Identity** Join **Elena Featherston** the editor of Skin Deep and contributing writers **Daphne Muse**, **Maria Ramos**, **Joyce Young**, **Anita Poree**, **Ehulani Kane**, **Sabrena Taylor**, **Victoria Manyarrows** and other contributors in this new work that views the world from the perspective of women of color . **7:30 pm $2 donation**	**10** **CONCERT** **Final Girl** **Final Girl** is a charismatic acoustic trio that plays original music "with a harmonic sound like that of Casselberry-Dupree and the feminist group sensibility of the Righteous Mothers, Final Girl's debut recording is poised and intimate." – Laura Post, *Victory Review.* **8:00 pm $8**	**11** **SATURDAY MORNING KID'S PROGRAM SEE LOWER LEFT** **baile/dance** with **Azúcar y Crema** **salsa dance music featuring Remy Arnone Rodríquez** **9:30pm $8**
12 **VIDEO/UPDATE** **Homenage a la Mujer Mapuche** Video in Spanish by Juanita Reiloff & prod. by Mass Media: Taller de Exposición del Conflicto del Pueblo Mapuche ante el Gobierno Chileno. This video features a dialog with Maria Triboleo a Mapuche representative. Music with Mochi Parra, Sandra, and others. Spon. by the Committee in Solidarity with the Mapuche People. **7:30pm $5 ***	**13** **14** **La Peña Delivers Musical Instruments to Cuba's National School of Art** In February, La Peña sent a drumset, a set of timbales and brass and string instrument accessories to our sister center, Cuba's National School of Art, in Havana, Cuba. Money was raised for these instruments from several events organized over this last year. For information on how you can participate in this effort, contact Sylvia or Vanessa at La Peña.		**15** **CONCERT** **R & B Jazz Explosion** D.W.B Productions is committed to present Oakland's finest homegrown talent. This is the first of a series of talent showcases. This evening's program spotlights the song styling of **Mr. C. Stanton Jr.** exclusively here at La Peña Cultural Center. **7:00 pm $5***	**16** **CAFÉ POETRY** **International Black Writers & Artists and the Oakland is a Holy City Poets celebrate Women's History Month** Poetry and prose reading with various poets and writers plus an update on the situation of exiled writer Taslima Nasrin of Bangladesh. Sign up for open mic at 7pm. **7:15 pm $2-$5 suggested donation**	**17** **BAILE/DANCE** **Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band** salsa, cumbias, polkas **9:30 pm $8**	**18** **SATURDAY MORNING KID'S PROGRAM SEE LOWER LEFT** **CONCERT** **Savina Women's Choir** and **Ellis Island.** Songs and music from Russia, Bulgaria, Hungary and the Balkans with the **Savina Womens Choir** followed by folk dancing with **Ellis Island** playing "Old World" dance music. Adv. tix available through La Tienda and by mail before 3/10. **8 pm $12 ($9 students & seniors)**
19 **POETRY** La Peña presents **Open Mic Poetry & Prose** in café lobby hosted by Blake Tolbert **7-9pm** suggested donation $2 Enjoy a delicious meal in the Café Vox Populi and get a 10% discount off your meal and beverage by mentioning this ad.	**General and Ticket Information** For programs that indicate that advance tickets are available, you may purchase those tickets at our store, La Tienda, up to one day prior to the performance. We do not accept charges by phone. You may send a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to La Peña at least one and a half weeks before the show and we will send you the tickets. Seating is open, so come early for a good seat. During concerts, we ask that you not leave or enter the hall while the performance is in progress. Parking may be difficult during some performances. Please do not block driveways or park in handicap zones. As in any urban area, please hide all valuables and be alert of your surroundings.		**22** **BENEFIT** **Hope for Guatemala** A presentation by **Rodolfo Robles**, the general secretary of UITA-FESTRAS, internationally known union leader who won the historic Coca Cola strike in 1985, and founder of CAMI, will speak on his hopes for Guatemala and the grassroots work of CAMI in education for social change. Spon by CAPACITAR & Friends of CAMI. **7:30 pm $3-10***	**23** **ARTIST RECEPTION & UPDATE** Opening reception for Irish-American artist **Sheila O'Donnell** and fundraiser for S.F. H Block Defense Committee with keynote speaker **Jimmy Smyth**. Benefit for S.F. H Block Committee and La Peña Cultural Center. **7 pm $5**	**24** **CONCERT** FANDANGO JAROCHO Join us in an evening of fandango jarocho. Musicians and dancers are invited to join in improvising son jarocho, the traditional music of Veracruz, Mexico. Featured are master artist **Gilberto Gutiérrez** , his students at La Peña, Los Cenzontles, and direct from Mexico, **Octavio Vega** on harp. A benefit for Los Cenzontles Mexican Arts Center. **7:30pm $5 adults $3 kids***	**25** **SATURDAY MORNING KID'S PROGRAM SEE LOWER LEFT** **BAILE/DANCE** Great Brazilian Music samba-reggae & world beat **Ivson and Grupo Gosto** **9:30pm $8**
26 **PERFORMANCE** **Come Celebrate life with Emily Shihadeh** An evening with performer Emily Shihadeh accompanied by friends, poets, writers, musicians, and other special guests. **7pm $8-10 sliding scale •**	**27** **28** **La Peña Wish List** Mac SE, Mac Plus; Laser printer for Macintosh • toner for laser printer • hard disk • manila file folders • copy bond • fire proof stage curtain • cd player • cassette player • amplifier • small mixer • lighting instruments • TV monitor with video outlet. If you can donate or sell items at low cost please contact Paul Chin at La Peña (510) 849-2568 ext. 17. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.		**29** **VIDEO** **East Bay Premiere of Gay Lives & Culture Wars** (Elaine Velazquez & Barbara Bernstein, 27 min.) The video focuses on gay & lesbian youth & their families as they confront the challenges of coming to terms with being gay. A talk with the filmmakers, participants in the video will follow. Co-spon. by the Pacific Center and La Peña. **7:30 pm $5-10***	**30** **BENEFIT VIDEO** **Ka Lahui Hawai'i, the Native Hawaiian Nation** presents the video "The Peoples' International Tribunal Hawai'i 1993 (80 min prod. by Na Maka O Ka'aina). Through many broken contracts with America, Hawai'i becomes the 50th state. Now, in 1995 the State will be conducting a "plebiscite" to create a Sovereign Hawaiian Nation. **7:30 pm $5-8 ***	**31** **FLAMENCO** The Flamenco Society of San Jose Present **Flamenco Olé** Featuring Benjamin Flores, Ernesto Hernandez, Amanda Pineda, Jaime del Rio, Anita Scheer, and Fibi Vernier **8:30pm $12** **adv. tixs available at La Tienda and by mail by 3/23**	Since 1975, more than 500 community groups have used La Peña's facilities. The use of our space by these organizations does not mean that La Peña endorses the views presented. La Peña feels that it is important to help stimulate an environment conducive to discussion and understanding among different peoples and points of view.

Saturday Morning Children's Programs

All programs begin at 10:30 am $3 adults/$2 kids

March 4: Los Amiguitos de la Peña present **Half and Half**, all native ASL signers presenting songs and stories in sign language in a program for deaf children and their families and for anyone fascinated by the beauty of sign language.

March 11: Plum City Players Children's Program featuring Bonnie Lockhart, Annie Hershey and Nancy Schimmel.

March 18: Los Amiguitos present the **Boogie Down Jugglers**, the Greatest Show for Earth. Enjoy awesome juggling and humor.

March 25: Los Amiguitos present La Peña favorite **Nancy Raven** with songs for children of all ages.

Reading with Elena Featherston & other contributers of Skin Deep
March 9 • 7:30pm

Celebrate Women's History Month

New at La Tienda at La Peña, a not for profit community store

New Music: Lucrecia y Su Orquesta, hot female vocalist from Cuba, Candi Sosa, Soledad Bravo, Cesaria Evora, Sweet Honey in the Rock, Lydia Mendoza, latest release of Roy Brown - En Fuga, latest of Pablo Milanes - Origenes, latest of Orquesta Reve, Sexteto Raison, Orquesta Maravilla de Florida, From Africa; Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Miriam Makeba, Fela, Orquesta Baobab, Africando
New Videos: Jerry Gonzales– CongaMania; Salsa videos from Puerto Rica, Cuba and Venezuela.

New Books: Skin Deep - Women Writing on Color (see March 9), Culture & Identity; Maya Angelou - Phenomenal Woman; Women Writers of the Southwest - Walking the Twilight; Massacre of the Dreamers, Essays on Xicanisma by Ana Castillo, Food for Our Grandmothers - Writings of Arab American & Arab Canadian Feminists

For Kids: Positively Mother Goose, Juanita Fights the School Board, My Song is Beautiful – Poems & Pictures in Many Voices **New Crafts from Mexico:** Beautiful painted tin picture frames, & paper flower box frames.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Photo by Irene Young

Keith Terry and Crosspulse
Fri. March 3 • 8:30pm

"A wonderful producing quintet – they drum, they dance, they chant, they slap and pat their torsos and limbs, they make visual music that fills a room with physical excitement." ***– Bay Guardian***

"Keith Terry has become the Bobby McFerrin of percussion, and the Crosspulse quintet is the vehicle for his scintillating, polyrhythmic world-music excursions...you have to be in the band's magnetic physical presence and witness the creation of their "body music" to experience the full Crosspulse thrill."***– Derk Richardson, SF Guardian***

YASHA, Turkish Music Ensemble
Sat. • March 4 • 8 pm

YASHA features instruments characteristic to Turkey. The ensemble sound ranges from the quiet, introspective solo improvisations on the lute-like oud, to the robust and rowdy drinking and dancing music of turn-of the-century Istanbul. **YASHA** is comprised of Latif Bolat, Turkish vocals, and baglama (long-necked lute); Vince Delgado, dumbek, def, daire and other percussions; Devi-Ja Kroll, violin (Keman); Paul Ohanesian, oud (fretless lute), Armenian vocals; Mimi Spencer, kanun (plucked zither), Arabic and Greek vocals.

La Peña Lobby Exhibit

Salsa en Vivo/ Live Salsa

Photos by Peter Maiden

Exhibit runs from March 1 – May 1

A collection of black and white images by San Jose based photojournalist Peter Maiden. "These photographs are the realization of my love for the music and the people who make it happen."

Final Girl • March 10 • 8pm

An evening of original acoustic music and songs by three talented songwriters/musicians, Eve Decker, Andrea Prichett, and Lisa Zeiler.

Savina and Ellis Island March 18 8pm

Savina Women's Choir and **Ellis Island.** Songs and music from Russia, Bulgaria, Hungary and the Balkans

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Ellis Island
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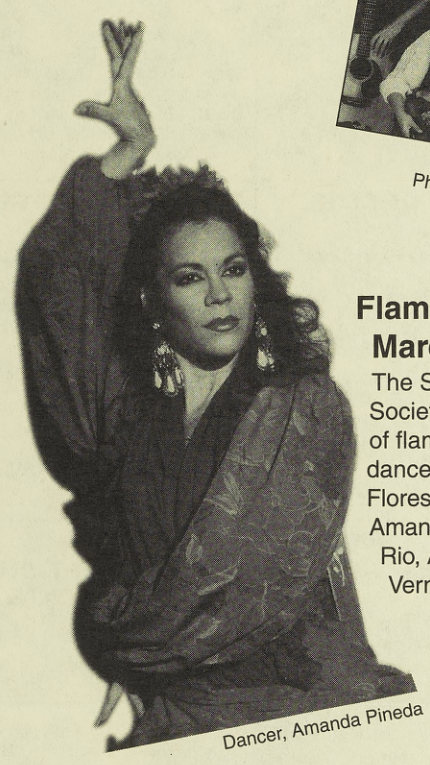

Dancer, Amanda Pineda

Flamenco Olé
March 31 • 8:30pm

The San Jose Flamenco Society present an eveing of flamenco music and dance featuring Benjamin Flores, Ernesto Hernández, Amanda Pineda, Jaime del Rio, Anita Scheer, Fibi Vernier

We Still Need Your Help to Save Our Building! Thanks to the many individuals who have donated to our campaign. Thus far we have raised $25,000 from individual donors and $37,500 from the city of Berkeley. We must reinforce our building according to new earthquake laws and make it safe for all who use it. The cost of the retrofit is an estimated $200,000! **We must do this work or face closing down. Our goal is to raise $50,000 from individual donors.** To help us on our way to reaching our goal, the California Arts Council has awarded La Peña a Challenge Grant for up to $25,000. This means that for every $2 we receive in new or increased private donations, we will receive $1 from the CAC. To receive the full $25,000 grant, we must raise $50,000 from new donors or donors who can increase their past contribution.

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CLASS SCHEDULE AT LA PEÑA

La Peña is proud to offer free Latin American workshops sponsored by the California Arts Council Artist in Residence program and La Peña. We offer other music and dance classes for a fee. Enrollment is limited and permission from the instructor is required. For more information, call (510) 849-2568 Ext. 16 M - F 12 - 5 pm. (TS = Theater Space, CR = Community Room behind La Tienda)

MONDAYS
Afro-Cuban Youth Ensemble – Free
(3:30 - 5:30 pm, TS) Instructor: Guillermo Céspedes

Afro-Cuban Adult Ensemble – Free
(6:00 - 8:00 pm, TS) Instructor: Guillermo Céspedes

Beginning Venezuelan Cuatro – Free
(6:30 - 8:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago

Intermediate Venezuelan Cuatro – Free
(8:00 - 9:30 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago

TUESDAYS
Children's class in Zapateado (6 - 9 yrs), – Free
(4:00 - 5:00 pm, TS) Instructor: Gilberto Gutiérrez

Beginning Adult Zapateado, Mexican folkloric dance from Veracruz. – Free (5:00 - 6:00 pm, TS) Instructor: Gilberto Gutiérrez

Advanced Adult Zapateado – Free
(6:00 - 7:00 pm, TS) Instructor: Gilberto Gutiérrez

Mexican Son Jarocho Music Workshop, instruction in jarana, an 8 string guitar-like Mexican instrument – Free
(7:00 - 8:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Gilberto Gutiérrez

Latin American Chorus – Free.
(8:00 – 10:00 pm, TS) Director : Lichi Fuentes (the chorus sings in Spanish and English and needs basses and tenors)

WEDNESDAYS
Beginning Afro-Venezuelan Percussion – Free
(5:30 - 7:30pm, CR) Instructor: Ray Davis

THURSDAYS
Introduction to Afro-Cuban Rhythms – Free
(5:30 - 7:30 pm, CR) Instructor: Guillermo Céspedes

•NEW CLASS
Spanish Class Beginning and Intermediate (8-9:30pm)
Level to be determined based on who registers. $15/class. Native Argentine instructor. Class will start once 4 students enroll. Must call to register 510 883-9536.

SATURDAYS
Salsa dance class with Deborah Ruby Rubenstein – $6/class
(2:00 - 3:00 pm beginning, TS) (3:00 - 4:00 pm intermediate, TS)

Bay Area Southern Africa Network Meeting
The Network meets regularly on the second Saturday of each month from 10am to 1pm (CR) For info. call (415) 398-6230

SUNDAYS
March 26 (1-6pm): Roitishkeit: Building Jewish Radical Community. Combining Jewish Radical history, a look at internalized anti-Semitism and its impact on radical Jews and hands-on community building. This workshop initiates a series of workshops to be held over the next 4 months and is led by the Institute for Cultural Activism. Aurora Levins Morales founded the Institute in 1994 to do culturally based organizing around multiple issues using alliance building techniques. Workshops require pre-registration. Cost: $35-$75. Call 524-0617 for info.

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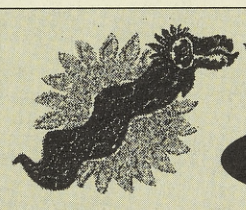

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